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MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

*New Delhi, the 12th January 1957*

**No. Gem-8(5)/57.**—In their Resolution No. SC(B)-8(257)/54, dated the 1st February, 1954, the Government of India announced their decisions on the recommendations of the Tariff Commission regarding the prices of cement for the various existing cement factories. The price fixed for standard cost units was Rs. 67 per ton, f.o.r. destination, for unpacked cement, plus Rs. 4 per ton for such of the standard cost units which agreed to maintain a separate Rehabilitation and Expansion Fund and to operate the Fund with the consent of the Government of India, exclusively for the purposes of rehabilitation and expansion. The prices fixed for the high cost units ranged between Rs. 72 and Rs. 79 per ton, f.o.r. destination, for unpacked cement. These prices included an element of Rs. 15 per ton on account of average freight. With the introduction of State Trading in cement from 1st July, 1956, the prices of cement payable to the producers have been fixed on an f.o.r. ex-works basis.

Towards the end of 1955 Government felt that the cost of production of the high cost units should be re-examined to see whether they continued to need the special assistance. The examination showed that all the high cost units except two, no longer required the benefit of higher prices and their prices were, therefore, provisionally reduced with effect from 2nd February, 1956, to the standard ex-works price of Rs. 56 per ton (inclusive of selling expenses) for unpacked cement. Some of these producers have represented to the Government of India that the cost of production have since gone up, and that, therefore, an increase in the price is necessary. Government of India are of the opinion that a fresh examination of the costs of production in each of the existing cement factories, and the fair prices payable to the cement producers, is necessary.

2. The Tariff Commission is, therefore, requested to conduct the necessary enquiries in this behalf and submit its report to the Government as early as possible.

3. Firms or persons interested in the matter who desire that their views should be considered should address their representations to the Secretary, Tariff Commission.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

N. SUBRAHMANYAM, Jt. Secy.

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